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Mr. Robert Schirmer NAVFAC-Lantdiv Code EV22 6506 Hampton Blvd. Norfolk, VA 23508-1278

Dear Mr. Schirmer:

It is my understanding that the Navy's Atlantic Division has requested the designation of a point of contact for Natural Resource Trustee topics involving the Navy Installation Restoration (IR) Program.

Specifically, the Navy would like to involve that designee during the ecological risk assessment phase of CERCLA investigations conducted under the IR Program. Recognizing the Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ), Office of Remediation Programs has an established partnership with the Atlantic Division for remediation topics, it is my suggestion to extend that partnership to include those Natural Resource Trustee topics related to ecological risk assessments. Your point of contact at DEQ will be Robert J. Weld. Mr. Weld can be reached at 804-698-4227 or at rjweld@deq.virginia.gov.

Please feel free to contact my office on other topics related to the Commonwealth of Virginia as a Natural Resource Trustee.

Sincerely,

W. Taylor Murphy, Jr.

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